Intro: getting into the details of each tarot image took place in our previous series. If you feel enough interest in this deep area of self and Self investigation, the recordings are available through <a href="mailto:info@lisacampion.com">info@lisacampion.com</a>.

### The 3 Pillars

The Tree of Life consists of 3 vertical columns of spheres, known as The Three Pillars. The right hand Pillar represents the male or out-flowing aspect of Divinity; the left hand Pillar represents the female or receptive aspect, also known as Shekinah. The middle Pilar represents their balanced union, which gives birth to the Divine Human, Adom Kadmon in Kabbalah, Christ in Christian mysticism (represented by sphere 6 on The Tree). The whole purpose of the universe is to give birth to this Higher Self that is your potential. As you apply your creative forces more and more wisely, you advance in that process, manifest more of the kingdom of heaven on earth, bring God's male and female side together, and bring more of the Divine Presence – the Shekinah, to the world.

### Tarot Key 2

As Tarot key 0 represents the infinite Divine essence beyond name, number, form and attributes, and key 1, The Magician, associates with the first sphere on the Tree of life, Kether, the Will that sets manifestation into motion, so Tarot key 2, The High Priestess, associates with sphere 2 on the Tree, Chockmah, meaning Wisdom. As you gaze at this image receptively, you prepare your inner awareness to receive the guidance of higher wisdom that is always available.

Notice how she sits in perfect balance, between the dark and light pillar, carrying the moon upon her head – the moon being a receptacle of the light of the sun. This represents the inner equipoise that renders our subconscious receptive to the light of wisdom pouring from her lap.

**Chockmah sits atop the right-hand pilla**r, indicating its male or outflowing nature; that outflow is represented by the stream of water flowing from her scroll. To receive and demonstrate this higher guiding inner light, always emanating from the Divine to your consciousness, trust that it is there, be open to it and maintain emotional balance and mental quiet.

As we dig into the deeper light through Kabbalah, it is not unusual for old, disturbing mental and emotional reaction patterns to show up. These bring with them some form of disorder in our outer world as a reflection of our inner state. This happens because the deeper light stimulates whatever is lodged in the unconscious, to be released. This release is necessary to ascend stably into your next higher level of Divine Manifestation. This is why The Method is crucial; it is our go-to tool to release our energy from those old unconscious patterns.

Remember that on The Path there is no such thing as regression. As we get to see previously unresolved patterns, we are actually experiencing a sign of our progress, not regress. We are progressing into the deeper regions of the psyche, to clear up and align at deeper levels, to release more wisdom, understanding, joy, love and success than we have ever known.

#### The Source Of Kabbalah

Legend says that Archangel Metatron taught Kabbalah to the first human, and eventually Raphael showed up to teach it to rabbi Simeon Bar Yohai in a cave where he was in-hiding for many years from Roman persecution, with his son, Eleazor, around the first century. From that time Kabbalah was a secret Jewish system for mystical, spiritual development passed on from teacher to student through a strictly oral tradition.

**The first written reference** to these teachings was in a book named, *Ha Sephir Yetzirah*, *The Book Of Formation*, appearing around the first century. The next publication was a vast compendium of 12 large volumes on Kabbalah. It was composed by Moses de Leon in thirteenth century Spain, but he claimed that he received it from Simeon Bar Yohai.

**Kabbalah teaches us that studying The Zohar** takes consciousness up to the Supernal Triad of Divine Will, Wisdom and Understanding – it transforms our mind into Divine Mind and unites our heart with Divine Oneness.

### **Quote From The Zohar:**

"Even though He is known through the 10 Sefirot... He is wise, but not with a known wisdom; understanding, but now with a known understanding, loving, but not with a known love; powerful, but not with a known power. He is beauty in every place, but not in a known place... He is one, but not in number..."

This quote suggests that we attune to the Divine by remembering the ineffable, indescribable, ever-mysterious nature of the Divine, even as we strive to understand the Divine Attributes on the Tree. God is holy, meaning set apart and isolated in the purest sense. We can attune to that "frequency" but never entirely comprehend God with our intellect.

The Jewish Kabbalah is applied strictly to Jewish texts, to ferret out the spiritual mysteries hidden beneath the surface teachings of the Bible. This effort was made out of love for the Divine, as a means of uniting with God and bringing the Divine Presence, Shekinah, to earth.

### An example of how Kabbalah sheds a different light on a Jewish teaching:

standard Judeo-Christian understanding sees the Serpent in the story of the Garden Of Eden as the epitome of evil temptation. But in the majority of spiritual traditions, including Kabbalah, the serpent is a symbol of magical wisdom - as the serpent served Moses in Exodus, and prior to that it was used as a central symbol of healing and renewal in the ancient Greek medical temple of Asclepius.

Note: (there are multiple connections between the ancient Greek spiritual traditions and Kabbalah and a distinctive Greek influence on Kabbalah, as with the archangel of Kether being Metatron, and the Name of Names of the Divine, is referred to as Tetragramaton, both Greek);

## How does the serpent represent wisdom?

We are learning Kabbalah Manifestation Magic. See the serpent around the waist of The Magician in the B.O.T.A. Tarot. The sheathing of the serpent's skin represents the wisdom of self-transformation and renewal. The serpent is subtle and it can be sly in getting around obstacles and achieving its objectives. It also represents the spiritual energy of Kundalini, also known as the Christos, which travels up the spine like a serpent to raise consciousness to Divine Union – so it represents the wisdom of spiritual enlightenment.

### **Paradise**

In Kabbalah we are taught that The Garden of Eden is an actual "place" or dimension in the heavenly realms where human souls enjoy a finer kind of material existence.

The serpent's role in the Garden of Eden represents the urge in the human soul to become self-aware and to experience the sense of personal will – two qualities of God. This is the urge for the ultimate joy being one with God.

## **Angels**

Angels live in the inner world of Yetzirah, represented on the Tree of Life by Spheres 7,8 and 9. Angels or angelic forces are expressions of God's Love that intervene to provide support to spiritual aspirants, and to help all beings find peace and happiness through the expression of their natural goodness.

As we live in love, beauty, balance and harmony – represented by the 6<sup>th</sup> Sphere on the Tree - we generate a spiritual atmosphere that enables angels to draw near and provide miraculous support.

The more discord we live in and so, the more angels are repelled and demonic forces draw near. Those latter forces drive people and conditions into increasing mayhem,

#### The Practical Kabbalah

At its most practical level, Kabbalah helps us to understand how the universe works and how to live in a way that works with it. It teaches us about the Perfect nature of the Divine Ruler and our own Divine Nature and Power. It leads us into higher spiritual dimensions of consciousness. It teaches us how to direct our lives with grace, to manifest the kingdom of heaven on earth, and about the perfection of whatever happens. It teaches us the path of joy in life.

## **Astrology In Kabbalah**

Astrology has always been part of Kabbalah. The second Sphere on the Tree of Life, named Chockmah, Wisdom, is said to contain the 12 constellations of the zodiac. One meaning of this is that those constellations demonstrate God's wisdom in operation of the universe and our lives. It also suggests that we study the zodiac to guide us in the wise use of cosmic power.

The Divine Creative Process (manifestation mastery) begins with Intention, represented by the first sphere on the Tree of Life, Kether, Crown – suggesting that using the power of intention gives one authority over the Kingdom (Malkuth, sphere 10) of earthly life.

Sphere 2 on the Tree is Chockmah, meaning Wisdom. We can define Wisdom as the applied knowledge of how to turn your will to create what you want, into action that creates it.

The zodiac, being in association with Wisdom, suggests that directing the 12 celestial forces of the zodiac consciously is the essence of wisdom. The opposite of wisdom is reacting to life with blind, automatic, unconscious habit patterns rather than consciously and deliberately creating what we want through mastery of the 12 zodiacal powers or influences. Our task in daily life is to turn those powers over to Wisdom.

#### The Zodiacal 12 Powers That Wisdom Must Master:

- Aries: Aries rules the head, where physical action begins by thinking of taking an action you are led to take that action. The power to
  - be blunt, impulsive, rash and impetuous, which makes one great at beginnings and in beginnings.
  - o to pioneer and go their own way.
  - o to take action and the urge to be first.
  - Of enthusiasm and the will to initiate
  - o courageously confront and combat
  - o be the boss
  - o be eternally youthful and exuberant
- avoid: excessive rashness, combativeness, bluntness, pushiness, bossiness, too selfcentered
- Taurus: the power to
  - o persevere, and patiently build step-by-step.
  - be unstoppable
  - remain steadfast
  - o get stuck in inertia
  - o be practical and down-to-earth
  - o pursue and acquire material welth and deeply enjoy sensual pleasure.
  - See things through
  - To be romantic and artistic (Being ruled by Venus)

- o To be possessive
- Avoid: stubbornness, inertia, being overly possessive, excessive self-indulgence, bull-headedness and excessive materialism
- Gemini: the power to
  - Think, intellectualize, understand concepts quickly
  - Consume, process and deliver information.
  - Be quick witted and curious.
  - See both sides or hold dual perspectives
  - o learn quickly (but not necessarily deeply)
  - o change your mind
  - o be flexible and go with the flow
  - enjoy short-range travel
  - be funny and sociable
  - o create pleasant superficial relationships
  - be clever and to strategize
- Avoid: excessive chit-chat, fickleness, superficial socializing, busy-thoughts
- Cancer: the power to
  - Nurture and comfort
  - o Feel
  - o be extremely sensitive on a physical and emotional level
  - o help others feel cared about
  - Create a feeling of hominess
  - Be loyal and devoted to loved ones
  - To empathize
  - Be moody
- Avoid: being ruled by mood, overly sensitive, shyness, hiding feelings behind a "shell"
- Leo: the power to
  - o Be a star, to shine with confidence and regality.
  - Lead
  - Be courageous and loyal
  - Be creative and fun-loving
  - Stand out and not follow the pack
  - Dominate
  - Be entertaining
- Avoid: hogging the spotlight, too domineering, loyal to a fault, over-value glitz and glamour
- Virgo: to power to
  - o Be of service
  - o Be a purist
  - o Be meticulous with details and organization

#### Lesson 2

- Analyze
- To articulate complexities
- o Be refined and sensitive
- Be critical
- Be health-oriented practice immaculate hygiene (physically and spiritually)
- Be useful
- Avoid: over-analyzing, being hyper-critical, perfectionism, overly puritanical, being used unfairly, mistaking servitude for being of real service
- Libra: the power to
  - Weigh things carefully for a fair and balanced view.
  - o Be sensitive to justice
  - Be charming and diplomatic
  - find win-win solutions
  - harmonize and get along with others
  - see alternative viewpoints
  - o change your mind
  - build bridges
  - be sociable
- Avoid: being wishy-washy (indecisive), fickle, overly sociable -too dependent upon others
- Scorpio: the power to
  - feel deeply
  - o peer under the surface of things and face the truth even when it is uncomplimentary
  - o make radical change
  - be deeply sexual
  - see dark truths
  - keep a secret and to be secretive
  - pursue occult power
  - o achieve vindication through payment for mistakes or transgressions
- Avoid: focusing too much on the "dark side", vengeful, overwhelmed by emotion
- Sagittarius: the power to
  - o Take aim for what you want, like an archer aiming the arrow.
  - Be philosophical
  - Seek the lessons to be learned from experience.
  - Be optimistic, generous and cheerful
  - Be adventurous
  - Enjoy long-range travel
  - Take "the higher road"
  - Laugh and find humor in just about everything
  - To be oriented toward growth and expansion
- Avoid: scattering resources, refusing to see the costs or downside, excessive gambling

- Capricorn: the power to
  - o be in charge
  - o execute, take charge and accept responsibility
  - conform
  - set limits and boundaries
  - follow and establish rules
  - be professional and hard working
  - to make use of people and things
- Avoid: over-seriousness, relating to life as a burden being overly responsible, too controlling and too transactional
- Aquarius: the power to
  - o Be an individual and non-conformist
  - To rebel with a cause
  - o To be intuitive, innovative and inventive
  - o Dare to be different and embrace differences in others.
  - o Be a humanitarian
  - o relate to all as brothers and sisters
  - eschew outside authority
  - be futuristic
  - have big ideas
- Avoid: excessive speech about big ideas, not grounding ideas into reality, being standoffish, feeling stifled in close relationships, too rebellious
- Pisces: the power to
  - Dream deep and meaningful dreams
  - Be a visionary and an idealist
  - o imagine the "impossible" coming true
  - o feel a sense of oneness with all
  - receive high spiritual insights
  - o give generously to others and help others in need.
  - Have mystical experiences.
  - Have a strong memory and respect for the past
  - Bring things to an end
- Avoid: being too dreamy and idealistic, not facing reality, too "feeling oriented" at the expense of reason and action, being too giving, prone to intoxication.

Assignment: Use Kabbalah Cards to deepen your relationship with the Tree of Life in you.